

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus comprising:

~~a housing;~~

~~a motor attached to the housing;~~

a moving shaft to which an assistive steering force is inputted from the motor, and which is reciprocally movable within a range restricted by ~~the~~ a housing in order to steer wheels;

an input shaft connected to a steering wheel;

a power transmission ~~means~~ mechanism which connects the input shaft with the moving shaft in a power transmissible manner;

an absorbing member which is attached to ~~either one of~~ the moving shaft ~~or~~ and the housing, and is brought into contact with an abutment portion disposed on the other of the moving shaft and the housing in face-to-face relation to absorb an impact at an end of the reciprocal movement of the moving shaft;

wherein the absorbing member ~~at least partially~~

~~has~~comprises a material having a Young's modulus of 100 to 900 Mpa.

2. (Currently Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus comprising:

~~a housing;~~

~~a motor attached to the housing;~~

a moving shaft to which an assistive steering force is inputted from the motor, and which is reciprocally movable within a range restricted by ~~the~~ a housing in order to steer wheels;

an input shaft connected to a steering wheel;

~~_____ a power transmission means~~ a mechanism which connects the input shaft with the moving shaft in a power transmissible manner;

an absorbing member which is attached to one of the moving shaft and the housing, and is brought into contact with an abutment portion disposed on the other of the moving shaft and the housing in face-to-face relation to absorb an impact at an end of the reciprocal movement of the moving shaft;

wherein the absorbing member includes a metal member and an elastic member ~~formed by rubber or resin material,~~ the elastic member comprising a material having a Young's

modulus of 100 to 900 Mpa, the metal member has a hole extending in the axial direction, and the elastic member is attached to both ends of the metal member in ~~the~~ an axial direction ~~are~~ and is connected through the hole in the metal member.

3. (Currently Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus comprising:

~~— a housing;~~

a motor ~~attached to the housing;~~

a moving shaft to which an assistive steering force is inputted from the motor, and which is reciprocally movable within a range restricted by ~~the~~ a housing in order to steer wheels;

an input shaft connected to a steering wheel;

a power transmission means ~~means~~ mechanism which connects the input shaft with the moving shaft in a power transmissible manner;

an absorbing member which is attached to one of the moving shaft and the housing, and is brought into contact with an abutment portion disposed on the other of the moving shaft and the housing in face-to-face relation ~~to~~ to absorb an impact at an end of the reciprocal movement of the moving shaft;

wherein the absorbing member includes a metal member and an elastic member, the elastic member comprising a material having a Young's modulus of 100 to 900 Mpa ~~formed by rubber or resin material~~, and the elastic member is disposed at least at one of both end faces of the metal member ~~in the~~ an axial direction, and between the metal member and the moving member.

4. (New) A power steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the absorbing member is formed from a polyurethane material.

5. (New) A power steering apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the elastic member is formed from a polyurethane material.

6. (New) A power steering apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the elastic member is formed from a polyurethane material.